

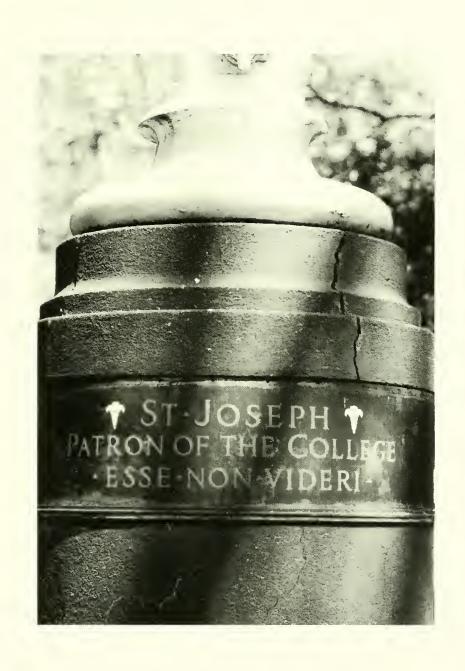
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SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE DIVISION OF GENERAL STUDIES BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

TO BE, NOT TO SEEM By Larry Martin The Class of 1996

My journey through Saint Joseph's College began in Spring 1990. I enrolled in search of a better life for my family, diligent in acquiring the knowledge and wisdom that would be forthcoming.

I was not disappointed in my quest. From that first semester to these final days, I have experienced a truly dynamic environment that makes Saint Joseph's College in my perspective, equal with the best of educational institutions.

The entire faculty is an extension of your family. I was made to feel at home from the moment of my freshman registration until this very point, my preparation for graduation. Mere words can not express enough my gratitude for their warmth, devotion and professionalism to their craft.

I joined the Chief Executive Officer (C.E.O.) Club, a business club, and served as Co-chairperson since 1992. The C.E.O.'s motto is EXCELLENCE THROUGH LEADERSHIP. Couple this with Saint Joseph's motto of TO BE, NOT TO SEEM and you have a College with an unbeatable combination for motivating their students to be all that they aspire to be.

The Secretaries Sadie McMillan and Yvonne Griffin always greeted me with a ready smile. Linda Fonte, my counselor and preceptor, was never too tired to hear my frantic concerns about what courses to take. Her warm smiles and timely jokes dissipated all panic attacks. She also reassured me that things would work out. This was also true of counselor Robert Dunn, and Assistant Dean Eileen Mullen, whose policy decisions enhanced student satisfaction.

TO BE, NOT TO SEEM (continued)

Saint Joseph's College will burn bright forever in my memories thanks to the efforts of other special people, including Angela Diaz, Daniel Beni and Hugh Snow.

Angela Diaz, the law enforcement liaison, was the first person I interacted with. Her decision making in choosing courses for my readjustment to academic life was most instrumental in my obtaining my degree.

Daniel Beni, my first preceptor, taught me Critical Thinking for Professionals. His management and communication of this course strengthened my ability to analyze arguments and think logically.

Hugh Snow offered an innovative teaching style. His presentations were always energetic, precise, creative, and highly motivational. He greatly helped me to develop the functional skills needed for today's international business market.

Saint Joseph's has assisted me in maturing in my personal and professional life; and for all the wonderful preceptors that I did not mention your work was as meaningful to me as those that were. THANK YOU ALL.

Someone once stated "success is nothing without someone to share it with" with that in mind, I must thank my wife Dolores (Dee) Martin; she has been patient with me during the nerve racking moments of studying for final exams. Never complaining about the minimum amount of time I had for her or the dinners she had prepared that went uneaten, she has allowed me to pursue my dream with unconditional love and without her this moment would not hold the same value. This degree is dedicated to her.



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Dear Graduates:



It has been written that "the splendid achievements of the intellect, like the soul, are everlasting." Graduation marks such an achievement in your intellectual progression. You came to St. Joseph's in possession of knowledge and experience commensurate with your years, and in your time here you have advanced to a higher level of the mind — with a surer knowledge of yourself, the world, and your profession.

It is our hope that this yearbook will serve as a permanent reminder of your days at the College, especially of the friendships you forged among fellow students, the faculty, and members of the staff. While an undisputed tribute to you, the success you have achieved at St. Joseph's was supported by the web of the relationships which are reflected on the pages herein.

Once again, I want to extend appreciation to Daniel Beni and Sister Carole Lessard for all the work that they have done to bring this yearbook to fruition. They join me in the hope that *Achievements 1996* will be a suitable remembrance of your "splendid achievement."

Congratulations,

Thomas G. Travis, Dean Division of General Studies





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To the Graduating class of 1996.

Congratulations on the attainment of your baccalaureate degree. This achievement is especially meaningful since it was earned by so many of you while maintaining and advancing in full-time professional careers and managing the many demands of a family. I totally admire your intellect, boundless energy, and perseverance in attaining this important goal.

This year I wish to extend special thanks to graduates Yvette Benito, Steven Downey, Janice Fanuzzi, Chrystal Fourcard, Penni Suzanne Graves, Larry Martin, Nichole Nichols, Norlan Pitt, Angela Power, and Rosa Lee Raines, for contributing writings to Achievements 1996. Their words. Achievements Coordinator

compellingly document the special struggles and unique rewards of the adult learner.

Once again, I need to extend thanks to Sister Carole Lessard, Sadie McMillan, and Susie James for their assistance.

In closing, I extend best wishes to the graduates of 1996. May your achievements be bright and bold and your memories of your college experience remain strong for years to come.

Cordially,

Daniel Beni

SOURCES OF INSPIRATION By Yvette Benito The Class of 1996

To the three most inspirational, universal teachers who have, in such a short period of time helped shape part of my life.

Professor Sylvia Storch: little do you know that a six-week introduction with you imparted in me a quiet wisdom-to see you full of strength, character and zest for life, allowed me the opportunity to see a person of my own gender defy the laws of man. In you, I see my right as a woman to aspire, dream and fulfill with every breath what is mine equally, intellectually, professionally and personally — that which is life. I admire you and thank you for your giving me such a positive first semester at Saint Joseph's.

Professor Clarence Stanley: you have, against the odds, provided me with the basic business sense to understand how our economic world goes 'round domestically to internationally. You have believed in teaching us as the productive adults we are; you have empowered us to think, to discuss openly, to engage in intellectual global discussions and to realize the importance or remaining well-informed about out world. I am grateful for the gift of your experience.

Professor Daniel Beni: for your unwa-

vering commitment to teaching, your open, engaging style; for demonstrating to me the realities of our world and the power of critical thinking. For encouraging me to think; to become aware of all the fallacies of our technological world; to see how the only way to be happy is through understanding and being true to oneself and through the process of self-actualization. NOT IM-AGES ON A SCREEN. It's no wonder that at this stage in my life I'm doing what I believe and not some expected, unrealistic ideology implanted in me from my upbringing. To defy the stereotypical generalizations of others. I am grateful for your faith in me and for your non-judgmental manner of teaching! Thank you.

Saint Joseph's has provided for me at this personally challenging stage of my life a base from which I could stand; a strong positive stability that has assisted me in keeping everything together; keeping everything in tact. A quiet place, a mentally challenging place where I could think without distractions; where to think is welcome; to learn is to be alive and where life is a process to live through in good times and hard times and all times. Many thanks for the dedication of all at Saint Joseph's College.

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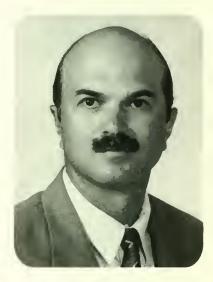
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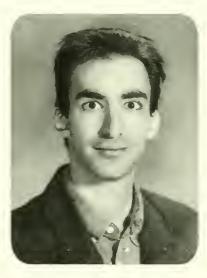
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REFLECTIONS

Meeting the demands of a full-time job and attending school is not a simple task. Sudden awareness of wanting something more than what I already had, I decided to re-enter college. Although naive to the necessary time and dedication needed to apply myself, I sat in my first class entitled "Introduction to Computers" with Professor Debbie Freedman. Little did I know my social life would decrease, while I took on the challenges presented to me by Saint Joseph's College. The thought of not completing this new task was quickly erased from my mind. Thanks to Dr. Gloria Gasper (a profound professor at St. Joseph's), I felt that my psychology of aging was a delayed process, but now know I was right on time. Death and dving never occurred to me because I knew I had to complete this mission. As an adult student, returning to school was all about me and the here and now.

Thank goodness for Professor Marcia Edwards. It was during her classes that I realized not only was I addicted to sugar but (over a period of time), I saw my codependencies of fear. Fear is a devastating stage because it blocks one from grasping the very thing God is reaching out to give to you. As time became time, I escaped the thoughts of fear and had developed a coping mechanism that previously barricaded my quality of life and prohibited me to grow.

Another enlightened experience took place in my class Critical Thinking for Professionals with Professor Daniel Beni. Here's where I learned that not even statistical information could be trusted. I was amazed, after previously being taught to accept and believe what was written in black and white. So contradicting to a world I once knew and had been a part of. As I sat in classrooms filled with students from various cultures discussing the "isms" that had influenced my life, I knew my process of education at Saint Joseph's College was now my ammunition; and with proper usage, it could also convert into a shield.

I am grateful to those whom I have mentioned ... to my family for their unconditional love and encouragement ... to God for his daily strength ... to each of my colleagues ... and to all faculty members ... I thank you. God Bless Saint Joseph's College for a job well done. My life will never be the same because I am no longer the same. I have been transformed into a strong positive individual so different from when I entered the doors of Saint Joseph's.

By Penni Suzanne Graves The Class of 1996

THESE WONDERFUL YEARS

Saint Joseph's gave me a new lease on life. I knew I wanted to go back to school, but did not want to be treated as "just another number," as that had been my experience at a previous school.

In search of a more personal approach to learning, a friend, Jeanine Burrell suggested I try Saint Joseph's. I will be forever grateful to her for this recommendation.

Three people who influenced me the most at Saint Joseph's are: my first contact, Linda Fonte, my counselor/professor. She made me feel comfortable and special. She has always been very informative, helpful, kind and caring. I thank her for that.

The second person, I came in contact

with was professor Daniel Beni. He taught my first class at Saint Joseph's. He made me feel as if I could fly high above the clouds; there are no limits. He always gave me encouragement, and always said "you can do it."

The third person, was professor Yvonne Greatheart. She had a very positive effect on my career at Saint Joseph's. She was not only professor, but therapist and the shoulder I leaned on when I needed it. She showed concern and a caring attitude; she was always there for me.

Thank you Saint Joseph's for these short but wonderful years!

Rosa Lee Raines The Class of 1996

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THE SAINT JOSEPH'S EXPERIENCE By Norlan Pitt The Class of 1996

After eighteen or more years, returning to school increases my fears. A good excuse is "I can't get a park," Knowing this can cause you not to miss the mark, Listening to Professor Brown on aging "No Taping" as Professor Greatheart on management speaks.

This experience you somehow will always remember.
Before you know it, you are back in September.
The doors are open to all, no matter age, race, gender or creed,
Opportunities are available in areas that you need.
You can work and finish at your own pace.
Teaching methods vary from lectures, visual aids and group dynamics.
As you experience greats like Archibald, White-Harris,
Gasper, and Holly Argent-Tariq,
Longstanding greats, we must not leave out
Like Drs. Boykin, Leavitt and Storch all are very devout.

There is no crown without cost,
Time and money invested, Family life may be at a loss.
The sacrifice is worth it, though some it may annoy,
Press on to achieve your goal, in all things find joy.
With hard work and God's help the credits diminish,
Before you know it, you will have your degree and finish.

These words of my mother keep constantly ringing in my ear When I think of stopping in brief moments of despair.

Adults in Transition, that is where we are.

Are you happy as you make the graduation list?

Receiving that scroll and Sister Carole's kiss.

Don't let anything stop you from achieving your dream;

Put your shoulders to the wheel no matter how long it may seem.



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THE Y FACTOR

Saint Joseph's College has been the Y factor in my being able to begin and complete all course requirements to obtain a B.S. degree in Health Administration.

This journey began Spring 1992. The first course was Issues in The Health Care Delivery System, taught by Professor Yvonne Greatheart. I came armed to the class with notebook, pens, pencils, and a \$79 micro tape recorder. My anxiety would have registered 9 on the Richter scale. After introducing herself, she had the class go through the exercise of introducing ourselves and share why we were taking this class. This exercise was a unique experience and a first for me. I remember sitting near the front of the class; when my turn came, Professor Greatheart approached. She noticed the tape recorder and asked why I had it. I explained this was my first class in more years than I wanted to remember and needed all the help I could get. I shared that I had purchased the recorder the week before to use as a back up in case I missed a crucial piece of information while taking notes. She laughed as did many other students who were sharing my anxiety, because they too had been out of the classroom for many years. With humor and a great deal of reassurance she said. "Fourcard get your money back you won't need the recorder. You will learn what you need to mation should be first. know, you will do well, you will pass this course." She was right, I did learn, and I passed the course with an A.

Having had Professor Greatheart as my first instructor was a God send and enabled me to continue my journey at this wonderful institution. My confidence soared and commitment to higher learning was sent into motion.

Continuing on this journey, I had the pleasure of having Professor Daniel Beni as an instructor. He is G Q in appearance and has an air of being

cool, calm, and collected. The course he taught was Adults in Transition. My question was, how in the world did Saint Joseph's College know to tailor make a course specific to where I was in terms of life cycle? I was truly an adult in transition. Professor Beni's calm and supportive style enabled all students in this class to openly discuss and share how we were in transition. This was an enlightening and very beneficial learning experience, because it was taught by Professor Beni who so clearly understands what transition is about for adults. Second, most of my fellow classmates had also struggled with the decision to return to college and obtain a B.S. degree.

The third professor I have to acknowledge is Linda Fonte. She is extremely knowledgeable, enthusiastic, supportive and very much for the students she teaches. She makes herself readily available and approachable. Professor Fonte is one of the most sincere people I have ever had the distinct pleasure of meeting and working with. The course she taught was P.E.L.A. This course was for this writer, trial by fire not because of the requirement of the course but because of the difficulty this writer had in being able to put on paper my life experience. If Saint Joseph's gives out awards for the most patient and tolerant professor, Linda Fonte in my estimation should be first.

The three professors mentioned above have significantly and positively impacted on my journey to obtain a B.S. degree in Health Administration at Saint Joseph's College. These three individuals are truly major components that make Saint Joseph's the wonderful institution that it is. Heartfelt thanks to you three in particular and to all staff at Saint Joseph's in general.

Chrystal Fourcard The Class of 1996



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Before coming to Saint Joseph's College I attended other colleges and universities, but never seemed to feel comfortable with my surroundings or the coursework. In the summer of 1994, however, I saw an ad in the newspaper for a college that offered many different majors and an adult education program. I said to myself "hey, this is just what I've been looking for." Saint Joseph's had a program where I could finish my degree part-time at night while still working a full time job during the day.

There are several reasons why I choose Saint Joseph's College to continue my education. The experienced faculty and administrators create an excellent learning environment, by providing each student with up to date information and techniques of applying that information in the working world. With small class sizes and attention to individual needs, the College has provided a positive outlook for those starting or continuing their education. The most interesting thing about Saint Jo-

seph's is that you can take what you've learned and apply it in situations at work. Also, you can receive credit towards your degree for your prior work experience. Overall, Saint Joseph's College made me feel like an integral part of a successful growing family and not just a number. Thanks to Saint Joseph's liberal transfer credit and prior life experience programs, I'll be graduating ahead of schedule with a B.S. degree in Health Administration.

One last note to all those who are considering returning to college; "work hard to achieve your goals, and never stop." Saint Joseph's College gave me the chance to improve myself and the drive to keep going forward. This can be you. Special thanks to professors Gill, Greatheart, Beni, White-Harris, and Davis for making my time here at Saint Joseph's an enjoyable learning experience.

By Steven Downey The Class of 1996

A BRIEF BUT PLEASANT EXPERIENCE Angela Power The Class of 1996

It took me 30 years to get here. How glad I am to have chosen Saint Joseph's College. A friendly, supportive atmosphere prevails. To my counselors, thank you for believing in me and encouraging me. To my first teacher, Professor Daniel Beni, a special thanks. He taught me to be unafraid to voice an opinion, other than the opinion currently commonly held. Thank you one and all. Good luck to all my peers in your exams and throughout life.



Norlan E. Pitt



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MY LIFE AT ST. JOSEPH'S By Nicole Nichols The Class of 1996

When I came to Saint Joseph's College, I was petrified with complex anxieties about returning to school after 15 years. But when I arrived, I found many of the students were my own age and shared my same experiences with juggling family, work and education at the same time.

My professors made life around here even more, comfortable, by allowing me the benefit of their pure charisma, good sense of humor and understanding when I needed it the most. I really would like to thank Professors Daniel Beni, Gloria White-Harris, Lorraine Boykin and Linda Fonte for their compassion that they showed me during the loss of my mother and other personal problems.

As I leave Saint Joseph's, again, I'm filled with uncertainty; but one thing I know for sure is that Saint Joseph's College has changed my life forever. This is where it all began for me.

Here stand we all together, making our voices tell of the times we prayed and the friends we made. Let us sing our last farewell. We'll meet the future bravely, on this we all agree; and through all the days of our lives we'll praise our baccalaureate degree.

Janice Fanuzzi The Class of 1996



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A POSTHUMOUS FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

Sadly, you may never know the positive impact you had on my studies at Saint Joseph's you made me feel I had something to contribute. Whatever I said was important to you, if only because it was my opinion, asked in response to a question or an issue.

I felt alive, vibrant, and enthused with

the energy you took to each course.

Goodbye, to Professor Clifford Brathwaite, my teacher and friend. May God keep you in the hollow of his great hand.

Angela Power The Class of 1996 This poem is dedicated in memory of the late Professor Clifford Brathwaite by the Fall 1995 class of CHS 429 Human Services and former students.

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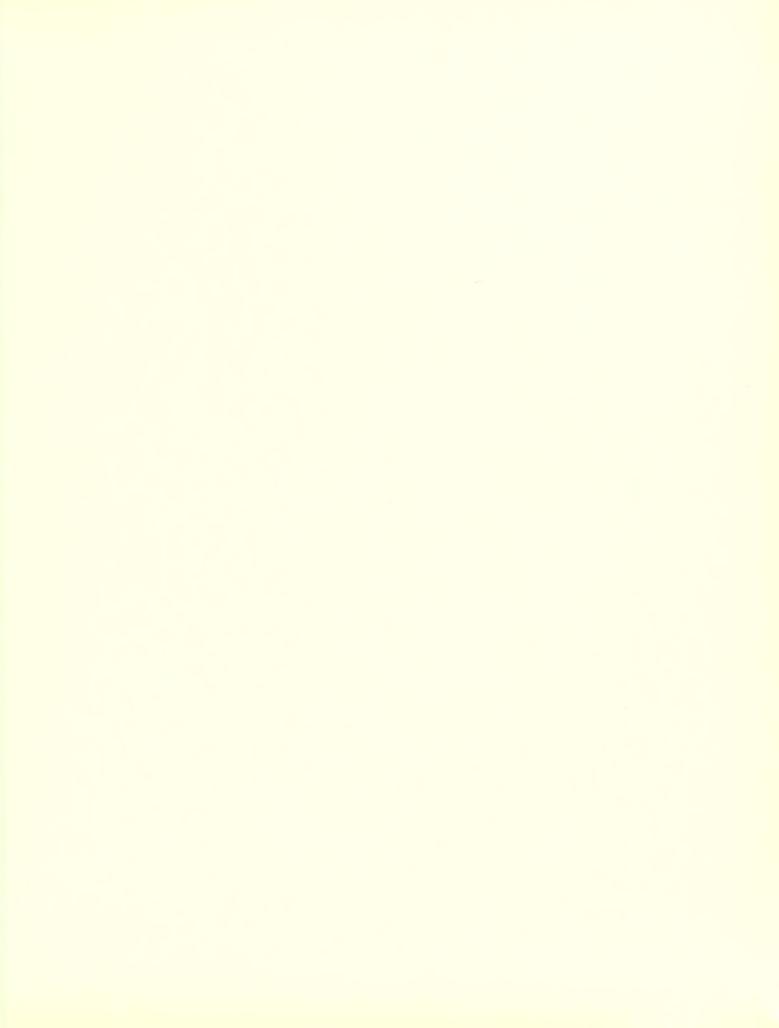
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